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1. Skoda Works, Pilsen


a. Vehicle Plant

- 1) The vehicle plant ("vozovna") employs 1,800 to 2,000 persons in two shifts. The leading managerial positions in the plant are assigned as follows: director - Kajer, a Communist from Domazlice; supervisor of the assembly - Josef Dufek, a Communist; chief of the tank repair receiving section - Adamec, a Communist; deputy of the fore-going: Vlach, a Communist.
- 2) Since 1945, the vehicle plant has produced, all told, 50 Panzerjaegers ten armored assault cars of the HKL type. The former were delivered to the Red Army. These vehicles were completed by the spring of 1948; the remaining parts and motors were then delivered to Ceskomoravska Kolben-Danek in Prague, and the production of this type of vehicles was discontinued at the Skoda Works. However, complete assembly equipment remained in the Skoda plant. When all the necessary parts were on hand, the output amounted to five vehicles daily. With the exception of motors (which were delivered by Ceskomoravska Kolben-Danek) and tin sheets, all parts were manufactured at the Skoda Works. At present only tractors, type Skoda 30, are being produced in the vehicle plant. The daily production capacity is eight units, but only three to five units are being produced per day because of the shortage and inferior quality of ball bearings (too soft) and the very poor quality of castings. The castings, which are produced at the Skoda Works, are frequently porous and cannot be worked upon. The waste in the vehicle plant amounts to from 12 to 17 percent.
- 3) In the vehicle plant there is a special section for the repair of tanks and military vehicles employing 100 men.

b. Note on Arms Production

The Skoda Works is producing a new and improved type of artillery sighting device and breechlock (based on an older type of Czechoslovak construction).

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Formerly a crew of eight men was required to man a gun equipped with these devices. In March 1945 the Russians reduced the number of crew members to four; recently improvements made by a Czechoslovak engineer further reduced the number to two.

2. United Steel Works, Rokycany Plant

The labor force of the Rokycany Plant of the United Steel Works, National Enterprise, consists of 520 workers in three shifts: 250 from 6:00 to 14:00 hours, 180 from 14:00 to 22:00 hours, and 90 from 22:00 to 6:00 hours. From May 1945 till recently only products for civilian consumption were manufactured here. At present copper shells of caliber 10 (sic) are being produced here at full capacity for the Czechoslovak Army.

3. Zbrojovka, Strakonice

The Czech Zbrojovka at Strakonice is now producing a new type of automatic (rapid fire) rifle for the USSR.

4. Uranium Mining in the Jachymov Area

- a. The uranium ore is being shipped daily in large quantities to the USSR by trucks. The trip lasts three weeks, and drivers receive 16,000 Kcs. for this period in addition to their food rations. The point of destination of the ore is unknown but is reported to be somewhere in the Ural region.
- b. New uranium ore deposits have been located near Horni Slavkov, where ore is being mined on the surface. The labor force of the mine at Horni Slavkov comprises 70 Czechs and 700 German prisoners of war.

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